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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for non-English document 10-188861, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English translation attached thereto.

For the concise explanation of relevance for non-English document 8-241667, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstract attached thereto and to counterpart European Patent Application EP 0 725 418 A2.

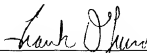
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For the concise explanation of relevance for all other non-English documents the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstracts attached thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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